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Federal Communications Commission
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Ms. Abernathy,

As a woman-owned independent ISP I am very concerned with the SBC and Qwest Forbearance Petitions that have been filed at the FCC and would like to meet with you and or your staff as soon as possible to discuss my concerns. If these petitions are granted it will result in our company laying off more than 13 employees and the loss of a large family financial investment made in a company started by my brother prior to his death 2 years ago. This is very personal to us!

The two forbearance petitions threaten to remove the first tier of Internet infrastructure and destroy telecommunications competition. If the FCC grants these petitions our nation will experience another technology bust that will derail our nation's economic recovery and jeopardize thousands of businesses and their employees.

Because of my alarm that these petitions will be passed in short order I am working to quickly build a grassroots groundswell of business and consumer voices expressing their views and requesting that the FCC first consider the intrinsic value to our nation's economy made by the presence of the independent service provider before granting any forbearance petition. You can learn about our efforts at www.gigabytemarch.org or www.wbia.us.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience when it would be possible to meet with you. I look forward to your reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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